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SUMMARY: "STAY-HOME" BEING URGED BY DISSIDENTS, UNIVERSITIES
SCENE OF VIOLENT RIOTS, UNREST. SHAH STANDS FIRM AGAINST
DISRUPTION BY "SO-CALLED PEOPLES GUERILLAS." HUSHANG
ANSARY RESIGNS AS RESURGENCE PARTY'S CONSTRUCTIVE WING
CHIEF. PRIME MINISTER CONTINUES PUSH TO ELIMINATE RED
TAPE. END SUMMARY.

1. OPPOSITIONIST ELEMENTS HAVE CALLED FOR ALL PEOPLE TO
STAY AT HOME JUNE 5 (BEING REPORTED IN DETAIL BY SEPTTEL)
RATHER THAN TO CONGREGATE AT MOSQUES.

2. OVER PAST TWO DAYS, THERE HAVE BEEN RIOTS AT TEHRAN
UNIVERSITY DORMITORIES. MAY 30 EVENTS SAW GIRL STUDENTS
INJURED IN ATTACK BY MALE AND GIRL STUDENTS ON GIRLS' HOSTEL.
TWO UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE HOSTEL WARDEN,
MRS. AZARPIRA, WERE STABBED SOME DAYS PREVIOUSLY, AND
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SOURCES AT TEHRAN UNIVERSITY INDICATE DISTURBANCES ARE
CONTINUING. USICA INFORMANT REPORTS WITH CLOSURES
OF CLASSES AND OTHER PROBLEMS, SOME 2,000 OF TEHRAN
UNIVERSITY'S 10,000 STUDENTS WILL PROBABLY BE INELIGIBLE
TO TAKE EXAMS IF CLOSURES CONTINUE. CONSULATE ISFAHAN
REPORTS THAT STUDENTS AT ISFAHAN UNIVERSITY AND ISFAHAN
CAMPUS OF ARYAMEHR UNIVERSITY ARE PREPARING DEMONSTRA-

TIONS ON JUNE 5 AIMED AT REVERSING EXPULSION OF 80 PER CENT OF ARYAMEHR STUDENT BODY AND CLOSURE OF TWO OF ISFAHAN UNIVERSITY'S SEVEN COLLEGES. FRIEND OF EMBOFF REPORTED SOUNDS LIKE FIRING NEAR NORTHERN DORMITORY BLOCK OF TEHRAN UNIVERSITY MID-MORNING JUNE 1, BUT WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

3. POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS IN TEHRAN MAY 31 OVERTURNED CAR NEAR COLLEGE ON HAFEZ STREET, AND ONE RELIABLE OBSERVER REPORTED GIANT PICTURE OF AYATOLLAH KHOMEINI HAD BEEN HUNG IN UNIVERSITY BUILDING SO AS TO BE VISIBLE FROM OUTSIDE. AS OF JUNE 1, POLICE HAD NOT ENTERED CAMPUS TO REMOVE IT.

4. TEHRAN JOURNAL ENGLISH EDITION JUNE ONE HEADLINED SHAH'S DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE IN MASHAD WHERE HE UNDERLINED HIS FIRM DETERMINATION NOT TO ALLOW THE SO-CALLED PEOPLES GUERILLAS TO "DISRUPT LAW AND ORDER OF IRAN". SHAH TOOK JAB AT THOSE WHO WOULD CLOSE DOWN UNIVERSITIES BY RIOTING, SAYING IT SHOWS THEY WANT THE COUNTRY TO HAVE UNEDUCATED PEOPLE. SHAH NOTED THAT MASHAD, AS WELL AS REST OF COUNTRY, HAS DEFECTS AND THESE SHOULD BE KEPT IN FOREFRONT UNTIL THEY ARE EASED.

5. IN OTHER INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS, HUSHANG ANSARY
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RESIGNED AS HEAD OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE WING OF THE RESURGENCE PARTY, CITING HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH NIOC WORK. VIRTUALLY NO RPT NO POLITICAL OBSERVERS HERE BELIEVE THAT IS REAL OR AT LEAST FULL REASON. MOST TIE HIS DEPARTURE TO CONTINUING RIVALRY WITH PRIME MINISTER AND RESURGENCE PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL JAMSHID AMOUZEGAR. LATTER HAS CONTINUED TO HAMMER AWAY PUBLICLY AT NEED TO ELIMINATE RED TAPE, CALLING FOR GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ATTEMPTS TO OVERHAUL BUREAUCY. THERE ARE RUMORS THAT PROGRESSIVE WING HEAD MAJIDI MAY ALSO RESIGN.
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